

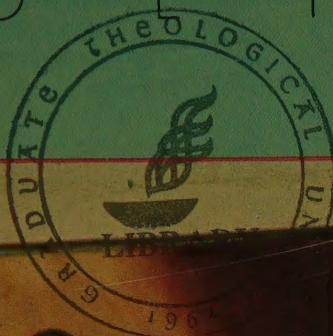
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AN UNHOLY WORLD

For God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness." 1 Thess. 4:7

By Janice Pedersen

Simon's Daring Search

Tremors of fear shoot straight down to our stiff bootlaces at the very mention of the word. Visions of cold, grey-stoned monasteries dance in our heads. Oaths are taken that we must, upon our very lives, pronounce the dreaded word s-l-o-w-l-y, r-e-v-e-r-e-n-t-l-y, with the resounding resonance of a deep, powerful voice: "H-O-L-Y." (One must imagine the word printed in 8-foot-tall letters to get the full effect). It is a topic which by its very nature is elusive and slippery; one subject, at least, where Christians fear to tread and gladly leave it up to the angels instead.

Simon the Searcher was once taught about holiness. It took the form of a list of do's and don'ts, and Simon dutifully scribbled his "S.S." on the dotted line. Then people started debating about something called "legalism." Soon, there was dead silence. Christians had battled this "legalism" for so long that they tired of the subject and now didn't even want to approach it.

And the letters of the word "HOLY" remained 8 feet tall. And Simon the Searcher was too short to reach them. And because of this, some told Simon that holiness could not be grasped. Couldn't he see that the letters were too high? Why, they were almost touching the clouds! He would be foolish to try. And they certainly weren't going to be fools.

But always questioning to find the truth, Simon wondered whether the letters weren't really so tall after all. Maybe he *could* touch the top. Maybe something was distorting man's vision, perhaps a sort of giant magnifying glass, that made the letters seem that tall.

Still others said, "You're right! The letters aren't really unreachable. It is possible to be holy. All we have to do to 'Be in the world but not of the world' (cf. Jn. 17:16) is to have nothing to do with non-Christians and the life of this world. Go to church, buy groceries only where you see the sign of the fish, and do not partake of anything presented by the world. We are *set apart*."

But Simon didn't think they were totally right either, even in their good intentions. Christ was holy and "set apart," but He never forsook the people. He was constantly with them that they, too, might know salvation. In fact, Simon thought, if we strove for that very holiness, it just might better equip us to be able to share with unbelievers and not be scared of being "contaminated." Are we not "set apart" to God for this very purpose—to show others the way?

Confused, but in eager anticipation, Simon gathered his map, compass, and spyglass to search for true holiness—where others dared not go. Walking through the streets of Hollywood, he realized he couldn't just *leave* the world to find his quest. He would have to find holiness while still *in* the world, even though he knew holiness would not be *of* the world.

Stopping on the cover of the *Advance* magazine, just within an arm's reach of two young men whom God loves, Simon wondered how best this "holiness" might soon help him relate the Truth to them. Then, turning, he stooped, tied his bootlaces, and headed for page 3.

Editor's Note: As with most issues, we do not claim to have the final say on this complex subject. We do, however, want to open an awareness of "holiness" to our readers. Also, we welcome feedback. If you would like to confirm, disagree with, or add to the articles discussed in this issue, send your comments to Janice Pedersen, Editor, ADVANCE, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026. Several letter excerpts will be selected and published in a future issue.



This We Believe

...that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God (II. Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:19-21).
 ...that God is triune--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; John 1:1,2,14).
 ...that man fell through disobedience (Romans 5:12,19).
 ...that Christ died to redeem us (Titus 2:14; Gal. 3:13).
 ...that salvation is through grace (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 3:23,24).
 ...that repentance and acceptance are vital (I John 1:9; John 6:37b).
 ...that new birth must be experienced to become a child of God (John 3:3; I Cor. 5:17).
 ...in a daily Christian life (I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 6:1).
 ...in water baptism through immersion (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:41).
 ...in the institution of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11:23b-28).
 ...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4).
 ...in the Spirit filled life (Rom. 12:13; Gal. 5:16,25).
 ...in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; Gal. 5:22,23; John 15:8).
 ...that we must be moderate in all things (Phil. 4:5).
 ...in Divine healing (James 5:14-16; Matt. 8:17).
 ...that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal (I Thess. 4:16,17).
 ...in Church relationship and in civil government (Heb. 10:24,25; Rom. 13:1,3).
 ...in the final judgment (Matt. 13:41-43).
 ...in heaven and hell (I Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 20:10,15).
 ...in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work (Malachi 3:10; II Cor. 9:7).
 ...that the Church is responsible to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15; John 4:35-37).

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The Old Cross & the New

Let's first get our
definition of
salvation"
straight....

By A. W. Tozer

All unannounced and mostly undetected, there has come, in modern times, a new Cross into popular angelical circles. It is like the old Cross, different: the likenesses are superficial; differences fundamental.

From this new Cross has sprung a new philosophy of the Christian life; and from this new philosophy has come a new angelical technique—a new type of meeting and a new type of preaching. This new evangelism employs the same language as the old, but its content is not the same, and its emphasis not as before.

The old Cross would have no truce with the world. For Adam's proud flesh it meant the end of the journey. It carried into effect the sentence imposed by the law of Sinai.

The new Cross is not opposed to the human race. Rather, it is a friendly and, if understood aright, it is the source of oceans of good clean fun and innocent enjoyment. It lets Adam live without interference. His life motivation is unchanged; he still lives for his own pleasure; only now he takes delight in singing choruses and watching religious movies, instead of singing bawdy songs and drinking hard liquor. The accent is still on enjoyment, though the fun is now on a higher plane morally, if not intellectually.

The new Cross encourages a new and entirely different evangelistic approach. The evangelist does not demand abnegation of the old life, before a new life can be perceived. He preaches not contrasts, but similarities. He seeks to key into public interest by showing that Christianity makes no unpleasant demands; rather, it offers the same thing the world does, only on a higher level. Whatever the sin-mad world happens to be clamoring after at the moment is cleverly shown to be the very thing the gospel offers, only the religious product is better.

The philosophy back of this kind of thing may be sincere, but its sincerity does not save it from being false. It is false because it is blind. It misses completely the whole meaning of the Cross.

The old Cross is a symbol of death. It stands for the abrupt, violent end of a human being. The man in Roman times, who took his Cross and started down the road, had already said good-bye to his

friends. He was not coming back. He was not going out to have a life redirected; he was going out to have it all ended. The Cross made no compromise: modified nothing—spared nothing; it slew all of the man completely, and for good. It did not try to keep on good terms with its victim. It struck cruel and hard, and when it had finished its work, the man was no more.

That evangelism which draws friendly parallels between the ways of God and the ways of men is false to the Bible, and cruel to the souls of its hearers. The faith of Christ does not parallel the world; it intersects it. In coming to Christ we do not bring our old life up to a higher plane; we leave it at the Cross. The corn of wheat must fall into the ground and die.

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not an improved life."***

We, who preach the gospel, must not think of ourselves as public relations agents sent to establish goodwill between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, or the world of sports, or modern education. We are not diplomats, but prophets; and our message is not a compromise, but an ultimatum.

God offers a new life, not an improved life. The life He offers is life out of death. It stands always on the far side of the Cross. Whoever would possess it must pass under the rod. He must repudiate himself, and

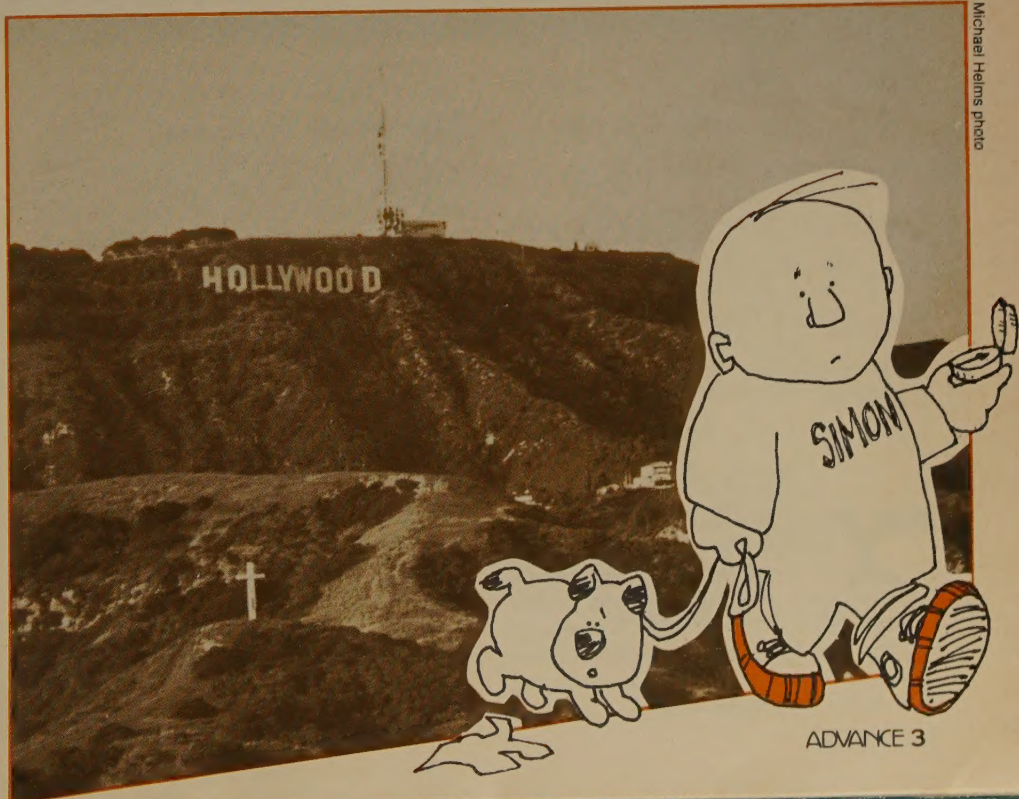
concur in God's just sentence against him.

Whatever does this mean to the individual, the condemned man who would find life in Christ Jesus? How can this theology be translated into life? Simply, he must repent and believe. He must forsake his sins, and then go on to forsake himself. Let him cover nothing, defend nothing, excuse nothing. Let him not seek to make terms with God; but let him bow his head before the stroke of God's stern displeasure, and acknowledge himself worthy to die. Having done this, let him gaze with simple trust upon the risen Saviour, and from Him will come life and rebirth and cleansing and power.

To any who object to this, or count it merely a narrow and private view of truth, let me say: God has set His hallmark of approval upon this message from Paul's day to the present. This has been the content of all preaching that has brought life and power to the world through the centuries. Signs and wonders and mighty operations of the Holy Ghost have given witness to God's approval.

Dare we, the heirs of such a legacy of power, tamper with the truth? Dare we, with our stubby pencils, erase the lines of the blueprint, or alter the pattern shown us on the Mount? May God forbid. Let us preach the old Cross, and we shall know the old power. 4

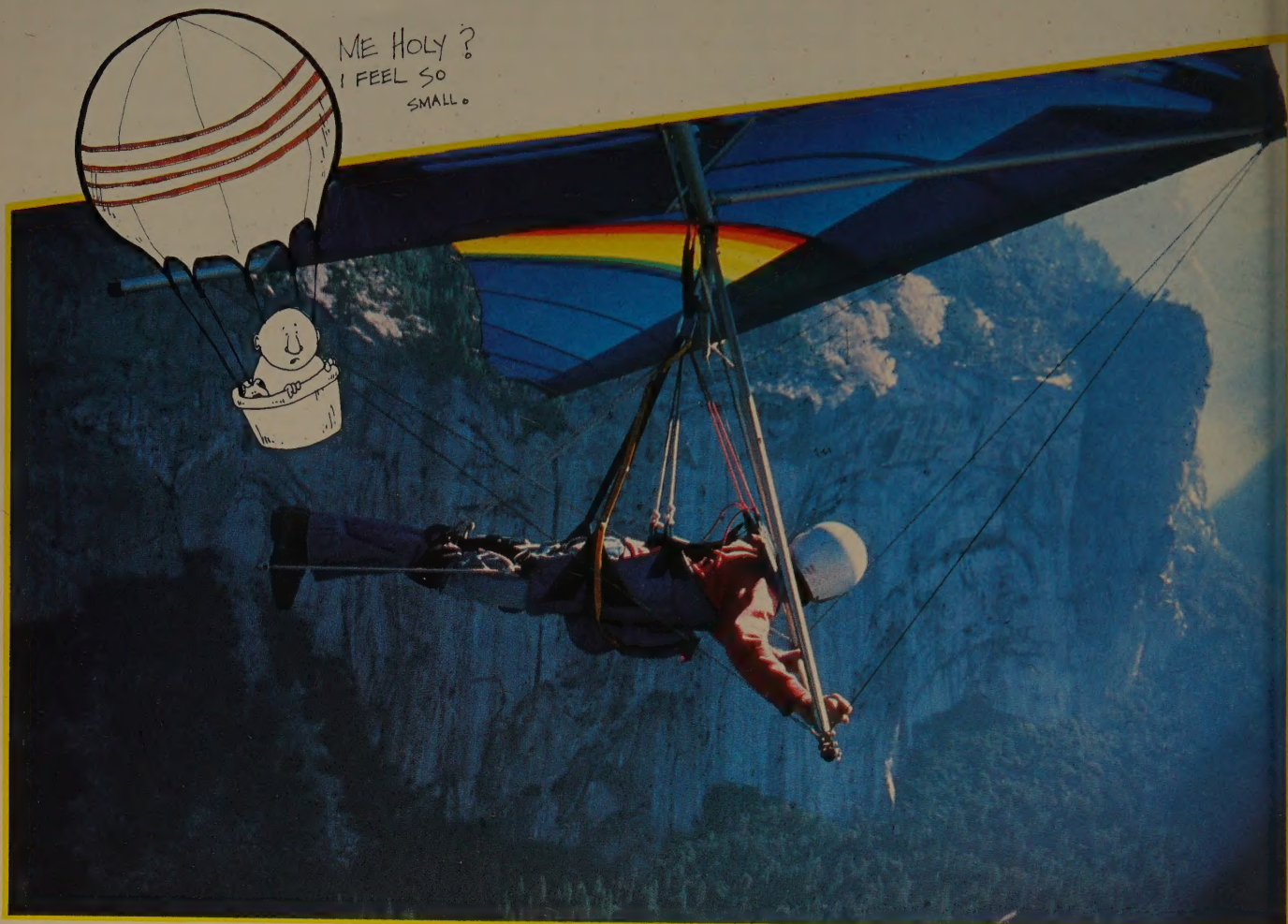
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Searching for

H O L Y Is There Holiness Witho



With our lists of do's and don'ts, have we missed the true key to holiness? Sterling Brackett suggests possibly so....

By Sterling Brackett

"YE SHALL BE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY" the Scripture declares in Leviticus 11:44. We hear it repeated over and over throughout the Testaments, as in I Peter 1:16: "Be ye holy; for I am holy." But if we are not careful as believers, we allow guilt to come into our lives as we read these verses.

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Man-Made Holiness

I feel that today is God's timing to place "holiness" in proper perspective. In the past, we have defined holiness in such terms as to cause condemnation. Sure, we knew that Romans 8:1 declares, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...." But we would look at ourselves and know how far we fall short of God's standard of holiness.

So man then tried to legislate what might produce holiness. The list began to grow, and soon churches were endorsing these lists as standards of holiness.

We Must Deal With the Cause

But the Word of God states in the latter part of the verse previously quoted, "...who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." The emphasis of some people in the past has been on the outward manifestations of holiness rather than on the inner work

accomplished by God. We need to allow the Word of God to motivate us to "walk in the Spirit"; then the manifestation of "walking in the flesh" will be nonexistent.

Jesus consistently dealt with what was in a man's heart. On many occasions the Church has tried to bring about a renewal in dress and behavior and has neglected to deal with the renewal of the heart. It would seem as though the effect has been dealt with and the cause has been overlooked. As we read about our Lord in the Scriptures, we find that Jesus was very interested in the "why" of an individual's life rather than the "what" alone.

Today, there are many who refrain from teaching about "holiness" or "integrity of heart" because of its seeming unpopularity. I am strongly convinced that the basis for its unpopularity lies in a vivid lack of understanding of the doctrine. But holiness can never be legislated. We can never accomplish the task with a list of do's and

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nts. It is the state of the heart which is so important. It is the heart's attitude toward God which motivates the display of one's faith.

I was prohibited from doing certain things as a child which I still may not engage in today—but for different reasons. As a child, I did not engage in those activities because they were forbidden by those in authority. I felt the bondage of those years leave, however, when I realized that those activities are not a part of my life now because my *heart* will not allow me to participate and maintain integrity before God. The latter situation now carries absolutely no bondage with it at all. I am totally free to "walk not after the

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God, through the Word and recorded history, has displayed the holiness of His character. He simply wants His children to be like Him. Oswald Chambers says, "God has one destined end for mankind, holiness...He did not come to save men out of pity: He came to save men because He had created them to be holy." Thessalonians 4:7 says, "For God hath called us...unto holiness." There is no alternate route.

Write God's Name In Your Appointment Book

The first step to holiness, or integrity of heart before God, is to spend time with God. In order to become like someone, you must have a relationship which involves spending time together.

God recently revealed a powerful truth to me from Amos 3:3 which says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Moffatt's translation states, "Do two men travel together unless they have planned?" The Revised Standard Version gives the literally translated meaning of, "Do two walk together, unless they have made an appointment?" I am convinced that the lack of holiness in the lives of many individuals is because the "appointment"

with God is not being maintained regularly.

Two Aspects of Holiness That Make Sense

In order to understand holiness, I believe we must view it in two different segments. We have "legal holiness" through which we have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. We neither deserved nor worked for it. This is an act of our gracious Lord to set us apart, righteous and holy, a vessel meet for the Master's use. We have been legally sanctified (set apart) from the time we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. II Thessalonians 2:13 says, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through *sanctification* of the Spirit and belief of the truth."

Now, we must still deal with the experiential side of holiness. By this I mean the "living out" of a life which is holy unto God. In the experiential realm there will be failure, for we are human and have not yet attained unto perfection. But the Word declares that, upon failure, we can call on Jesus, the sinless One, for He is our advocate with the Father. Experientially, holiness deals with the conduct and character display of the life of a believer.

Legally, holiness is not what one does, but what was done for us. Experientially, holiness is becoming conscious of our appearance before God and striving to be like our example, Jesus. Legally, holiness is being "hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). Experientially, holiness will cause us to cease from saying, "Bless me, Lord," and motivate us to pray, "O, God, make me a blessing to others of your creation today."

And What Will Happen?

Holiness will cause believers to launch out into the deep, let down their nets, and exercise faith to bring people into the kingdom life they themselves have experienced. I am convinced that holiness which does not possess a burning desire to win the lost is not the holiness which was manifested by the Early Church in the book of Acts.

The Word says, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9). Holiness is showing forth the praises of Him who has made us holy (legally).

Our goal for holiness (experientially) is

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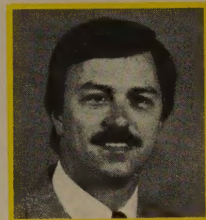
found in Ephesians 4:13: "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Holiness also gains definition in Ephesians 3:19 which says, "...that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

Holiness can never be manifested in us while we have our lives cluttered with the philosophy and desires of the world. And it is important that the holiness of God in our lives be seen outwardly. So we must first allow the cleansing and life-giving power of God to work in us so that outward manifestations of holiness are effectual for His glory.

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"Holiness is either
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By James J.

They stood, as I watched, hunched over the stainless steel sink of a funny looking tap hands decked in drab olive green, masked their hair carefully tucked under hoods. The surgical attendants: a curious sight indeed, I thought, lathering and rinsing their hands, scrubbing the strokes, with great care on each nail, they scrubbed and rinsed with pharisaical fervor. They must be careful.

Inside the operating room, commonly known as the O.R., the patient lay, sedated. Since midnight he had denied food and water and had been given enemas to insure that he is clean. No possible contamination must be allowed once the surgery begins. The area being explored is treated with a strong cleansing agent, a bactericide.

The surgeon, still another time, covered the area and drapes it off with drapes, exposing only that area to be operated on. All the instruments are sterilized. His scrubbed hands are then gloved with sterile gloves. "Scalpel," commands. The surgery begins.

For this issue's discussion of "holiness" I couldn't help but hearken back to my days as a hospital orderly for a while. And I became convinced that it is impossible to walk through this sinful world and not get any of "it" on us.

Rev. Victor Gardner, president of Foursquare Gospel Church of Christ, shared a poignant example at a pastors' conference. "Our conflict with the devil," he shared, "is likened to a war match. Unlike boxing or fencing, the conflict is skin to skin, and you literally walk away from the fray with your opponent stink on you." What a graphic description.

The psalmist also asks the timeless



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n: "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart..." (Psalm 24:3-4). These sentiments are echoed in Proverbs 20:9: "Who can say, 'I have cleansed my heart, I am free from my sin?'"

So holiness is either a carrot dangled in front of our noses that we'll never catch up to, or it is a real possibility. The Word seems to indicate the latter. We must be clean, but how?

Nothing is more pitiful than watching some people try to expunge guilt by compulsive handwashing. Like Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth, they scrub until they bleed trying to eradicate a gnawing sense of their own guilt. Our own efforts to make ourselves clean are doomed to fail short. However, God has given us truths which will guide to daily cleanliness:

Study the Word for Purity

King David gives strong counsel when he writes, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to *thy Word* (Psalm 119:9). Jesus would later tell his disciples, "You are already clean because of *the Word* which I have spoken to you" (John 15:3). Study of the Word, then, is able to cleanse us.

Act Upon It

My strong conviction about the Word means nothing unless I personally bathe my soul in its pages. Then I must allow the Holy Spirit to convince me of my need for Christ's blood to "cleanse me from all unrighteousness" (cf. I John 1:9). Do you bathe daily? We should get into the Word at least daily.

Isaiah's message in chapter one gives us a strong charge: "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean..." (Isaiah 1:16). He continues to say we can do this by turning from evil deeds, seeking justice, reproof, and looking after orphans and widows. Our right actions in response to the Word serve to cleanse us.

It is interesting to note that the onus for getting into the Word is placed squarely on us. I can draw the bath water for my two-year-old; it's quite another matter to get her into it.

Be Baptized for a Clean Conscience

Water baptism is also a cleansing agent. It must be pointed out that it is not for removal of dirt, but as an "appeal to God for a good (clean) conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 3:21). Only a clean sacrifice could atone for sin. The writer of Hebrews reminds us,

"How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, *cleanse your conscience* from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14).

In baptism then, we, by identifying with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, are asking God to cleanse our conscience. Our faith that this is so is cleansing in itself (see Acts 15:9).

Recognize the Good of Tribulation

C.S. Lewis in *The Problem of Pain* shows that tribulation can serve to cleanse us by driving us into the Word. He likens us to a puppy who, immediately after being bathed, rushes off to re-acquaint himself with familiar filthiness. "Thus," he writes, "we see the terrible need for tribulation." The crucible of suffering can indeed cleanse and purify us. "He who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin" (I Peter 4:1).

Share Your Feelings

Finally, a great cleansing occurs when we share our feelings with the Lord, then with each other. The very word for "clean" in the New Testament, "katharos," is what our word "catharsis" is derived from. There is much to be said for periodic cleansing times of deep emotional release with trusted brethren. Jesus Himself in His darkest hour requested the brethren to watch with Him. Pouring out our souls can cleanse us.

Ridding ourselves of wrong heart attitudes while we do this is a way of cleansing ourselves. A "cathartic" is another word for a "laxative." This imagery speaks for itself.

Resources on Holiness

The Pursuit of Holiness, Jerry Bridges, Navpress, \$2.95. A practical approach to putting off the old self—dealing with sin in our lives.

The Practice of Godliness, Jerry Bridges, Navpress, 1983. A sequel to *The Pursuit of Holiness*, Bridges focuses on putting on the new self—growing in Christian character.

Principles of Holiness, Charles G. Finney, Bethany House Publishers, Minneapolis, MN 55438, \$5.95. An excellent topical, systematic theological approach to biblical holiness.

The Knowledge of the Holy, A.W. Tozer, Harper & Row Publishers, \$5.95. To be holy, we must know the Holy One. A classic, Tozer discusses the divine attributes of God, and relates them to today's world.

The Pharisees were great at external washings. Jesus said, "Nothing from the outside can make a man unclean" (cf. Matt. 15:11, 18), but from the heart issues the evil. Let us say with David, "Create in me a clean heart" (Psalm 51:10).

To review then, the regular study of His Word will cleanse us. Good deeds in response to our study of the Word will also cleanse us. Water baptism is effective, and our sufferings serve to purify. Finally, good deep communication to God and to trusted brethren by way of confession can keep us clean in an ongoing way.

We can implicitly trust the Great Physician to cleanse and heal us, as is expressed in this poem by T.S. Elliot:

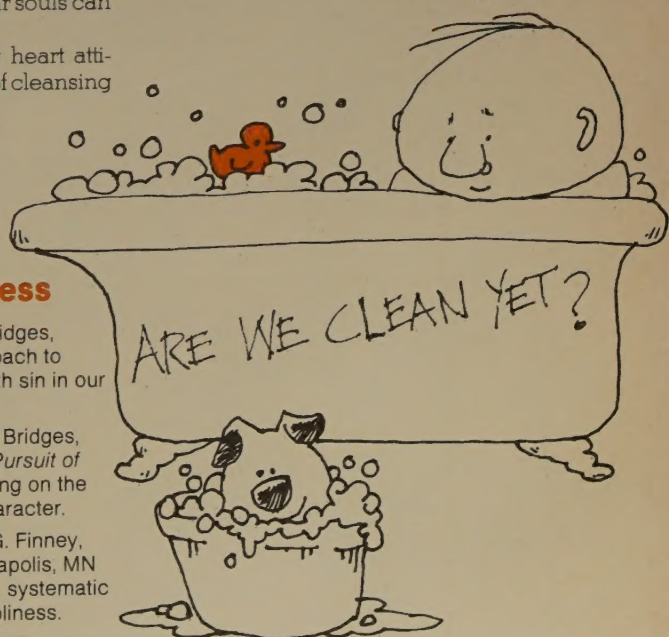
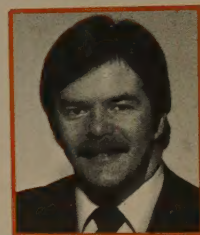
"The wounded Surgeon plies the steel,
That questions the distempered part.
And beneath the bleeding hands we feel
The sharp compassions of the

Healer's art
Resolving the enigma of the fever chart."

Come on, Christian! It's time to scrub.

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*"Korea is where we are to be in
God's plan and timing."
—Ron and Charlotte Meyers,
Foursquare Missionaries to Korea*

Together

"A missionary's life is full of testing and reward, helping us remember—God is in control...."

EARLY YEARS.

Charlotte shares, "When Ron was five years old, he wrapped a towel around his head and told his grandmother that he was going to be a missionary to Egypt. She prayed with him and asked God to make him the grandest missionary.... When I was 13 years old, I saw picture slides of Foursquare's work in New Guinea. I knew that day that I wanted to be a missionary to that nation. My desire determined what I studied, who I dated, where I went to college and who I married."



ASSIGNMENT: KOREA. Eventually the Meyers met, married and put their call into action. Ultimately, Foursquare Missions International sent them to Korea. For several years they studied the language and taught in the Bible school. But it was a test. Korean life was so different. Ron remembers, "We studied Korean as hard as we could, but we couldn't speak in complete sentences. Often it was extremely difficult trying to understand what was going on. The pressure grew unbearable."

PRAISE SACRIFICE. Transition came when praise became the focal point. "Change came when I began to praise God in all things," relates Charlotte. "I began to release things to Him. And when the going really got tough, Jeremiah 38 and Lamentations 3 helped me see that God uses all kinds of circumstances in the lives of His people to

(Top row, left) Our Foursquare work in Korea is growing. Ron and Brother Chun hang the sign on the new South Seoul Foursquare Church. Foursquare missionaries and workers are planning to plant many new churches during the '80s.



(2nd row, left) The importance of praise and worship has become a focal point of teaching in the Meyers' ministry. Many believers have released sorrow-filled burdens by praising God in all things. Here, Charlotte leads praise during a vital worship time.



(3rd row, left) Fellowship is the key to discipleship. During lunch, Ron shares biblical truths with some Korean brothers.



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(Top row, right) The Meyers are teaching new concepts about God-centered relationships in the Church. Teaching on Christian family principles has raised marriage to a new pinnacle of importance to the Koreans.



(2nd row, right) Brother Chun and his family are partners in the Korean work. The Chuns have provided fellowship, understanding and commitment.

(3rd row, right) This new building in South Seoul is where the local church fellowships. It was built with our help...the International Foursquare family.



accomplish His will."

AN ALLY. In late '83 God sent Brother Chun. The Meyers feel that God has given them a partner. Brother Chun holds a college degree in electronics, and he has chosen to pastor. He has proven to be a man of integrity and dedication with a gentle and humble spirit. Above all, he knows the culture and solves misunderstandings with skill. Mr. Chun and Ron compliment each other in their daily work.

NEW CONCEPTS. With hard adjustment times behind them, the Meyers now find Korea offering great service opportunities. Ron reports: "We're presenting new concepts of God-centered relationship to our church. 'Classless fellowship' helps believers see each other as equals in the Kingdom. Praise helps them maintain an intimate relationship with their loving, approachable God. Laws vs. principles prompts them to apply scriptural truth to daily living. Teaching on the Christian family is raising marriage to a pinnacle of importance."

Prayer & Action Focus

- Pray for continued stability in the government.
- Pray that the Meyers will continue to grow to understand the Korean language and culture.
- Pray that our churches may effectively reach needy people and multiply.
- Pray that God will supply more teachers and supplies to meet the growing demand for ministerial training.

To our missionaries in alien, disquieting lands, our support is a mainstay. Our prayers, giving and communication let them know we are serving...

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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE... A REPORT OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES



MAN BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Lloyd and Claire Post Report

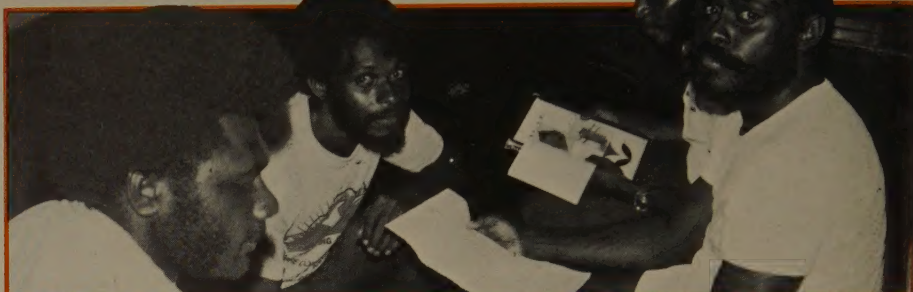
I DID DIE, BUT.... Lloyd shares, "Pastor Salomi of the Gimi Foursquare Church was battling malaria and was also being confronted by witch doctors who were trying to poison him using witchcraft. Soon, we received the news that he had died. We left immediately to help his family but found the mountain roads impassable, so we had to return to home base.

"Three weeks later to our amazement, Pastor Salomi and his wife walked into our office. I related the report about his death and his wife answered, 'He did die, but I gathered all our Christian relatives together. We encircled him, and after intense prayer, he came back to life. Then we nursed him back to health!'"

TWO MEN FROM ENGA. Five years ago, two men from the Enga Province travelled to Goroka seeking training to become male nurses. In time, they visited a Foursquare church and were saved. As they matured in Christ, they both felt called to preach. So, upon completion of their medical training, they returned to Enga where they now serve the sick and preach the gospel. Many have been saved, and with missionary assistance, they built a 350-seat church. Each Sunday it is packed... and 24 other churches have started in that area.

STRONG GOSPEL IN A FIERCE LAND. The Simbu Province of Papua New Guinea is one of the most fierce and troublesome areas of the country. Faithfully for several years, our missionaries and national converts have been declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ. Revival recently broke out, and an average of one new church is now started every month. Even two villages severed from civilization have their own Foursquare churches with workers being flown in. Today, there are more than 20 Foursquare churches.

BUILD PEOPLE TO BUILD CHURCH—
10 ADVANCE



Nine Bible institutes have been started in eight towns in Papua New Guinea. Here, students discuss together at the Foursquare School of Bible and Ministry at Lae.



ES. Lloyd comments, "We are working to provide our pastors with better training, so we've started nine Bible institutes in eight towns to help them. Next year, they'll be much better equipped to pastor.

"We will also be training others to pastor. In the future, most new pastors will come from this developing pool of committed students. We're building strong people to build strong churches."

SEVERAL HUNDRED AT A TIME HEAR GOSPEL IN BOLIVIA

The Jack Anderson Report

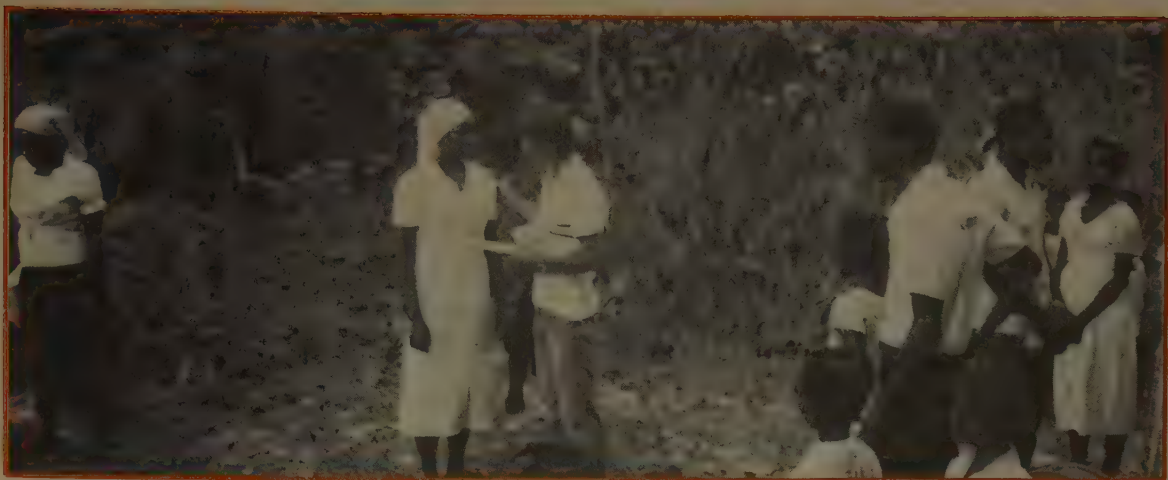
THEATRE BECOMES CHURCH. Jack and Pastor Carlos Gallep have begun a new work in La Paz. A theatre has been rented so the church may meet on Sunday mornings, and during the week members open their homes for additional meetings. Jack recently preached in

Two men brought the Foursquare Gospel to their home province of Enga in Papua New Guinea after finding Christ at the Goroka Foursquare Church. Now there are 25 churches there. Here, missionary Con Vermuelen conducts a special pastors' seminar at the Wapenamanda Foursquare Church in Enga.

the theatre to 300 people. Many were saved and healed.

But evangelism hasn't been confined only to the theatre. Jack also preached in a local park to 200, and several were saved.

INDIAN CHIEF OFFERS HAND. A tribe called the Aroyeros lives in the Santa Cruz area. They are primitive, seminomadic, and as Jack comments, "They really need the Lord." Presently, we have no ongoing work in the area. But—a Christian Indian chief in nearby Ebiato told Jack, "When you begin a work in Santa Cruz, we'll help you with the Aroyeros."



TWO VENDERS "SELL" CHRIST NOW IN HAITI, WEST INDIES

The Terry and Ruth Bennett Report
FROM MAHOGANY AND POSTCARDS TO.... Terry describes two beloved Haitian Christians:

"ELI is a young Christian. When we met him, he was selling mahogany in the streets. His love for the Lord set him apart. He lived with us for awhile...he was so hungry for God's Word. Today, he is involved with our mission and is burdened for the people of Haiti. We're believing that he will mature into a strong Foursquare pastor.

"RONALD is 22. He used to sell postcards to the tourists. But, unlike the rest of the vendors, he would ask how he could help instead of demanding money. The Lord began working in his life and directed us to disciple him. Today he is a member of our family and attends our discipleship classes."

OPEN HEARTS. "We've seen more spiritual progress in the last five months than in our first two years," Terry reports. "Haiti is very religious. Unfortunately, many are steeped in tradition. But we are seeing great change...so many hearts are opening to God's Word. We credit this to much prayer and teaching of BIBLICAL principles."

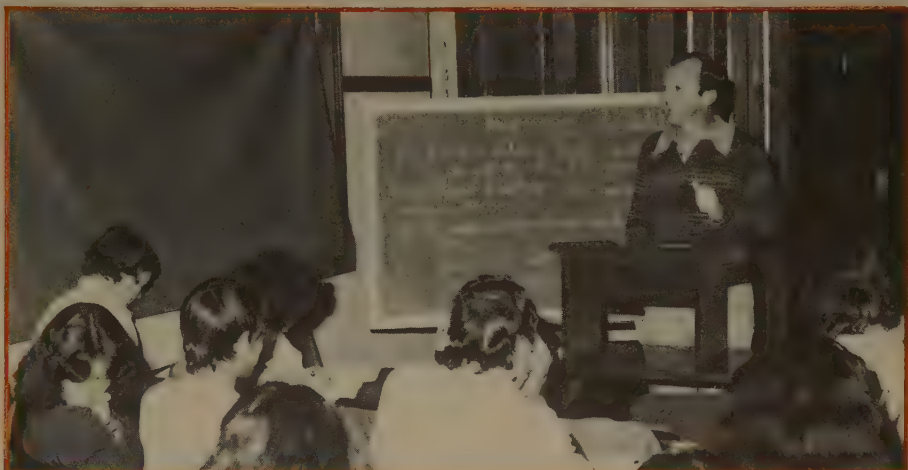
FATHERS IN THE FAITH. Terry comments, "Our vision is to have the Lord raise up 'Fathers in the Faith'...men who will lead their people into principles of God's Word."

THE CHURCH IN SPAIN KNOWS HOW TO GIVE

The John and Donna Verbarendse Report

GIVING AWAY BLESSING. The Madrid Foursquare Church is learning to give away the Lord's blessings. John observes, "Our people are beginning to understand the importance of tithing and missions giving. Recently, we committed ourselves to rent a place for a

"We've seen more spiritual progress in the last five months than in our first two years," reports Terry Bennett from Haiti. Here, Bibles are given to those baptized in water.



Twenty-four students were registered during the first trimester of the new evening Bible institute in Spain. Here, Tim Lamb teaches a class of students.



"We're intent on growing strong Christians in Spain," says missionary John Verbarendse. "To accomplish this, we've opened an evening Bible institute with a two-year program."

new work in the city of Cehegin. We are linked with some groups of believers, and we hope to see a Foursquare family established there."

GIVING THE YOUNG. "Some of our young people have caught the 'giving vision,'" declares John. "Antonio, for example, is a young man who has attended our church for eight years. The Lord spoke to him about ministering to drug addicts, so he is now reaching out to the little unevangelized pueblos."

EMPHASIZING STRENGTH. John reports, "Our emphasis hasn't been on

large numbers of people. We're intent on growing strong Christians. To accomplish this, we've opened an evening Bible institute. A two-year program has been established to train national workers, and 24 students were registered during the first trimester.

CHAIN REACTION. Many obstacles hinder the receptivity to the gospel among the Spanish. However, the Lord is prospering His Church and faithful believers have been the key. John comments, "When family and friends see the difference in their saved loved one, and when that believer shares what Jesus really means—a chain reaction occurs. Others begin to want this new, living way...and so on."

JUST BEGINNING. Foursquare missionaries and workers are aware that they have barely scratched the surface of the work in Spain. Daily, they are challenged to minister in home groups, to drug addicts, and in literacy classes...especially classes for those over 45. Many people over 45 cannot read so they are denied access to the Word. Child evangelism is also a pressing need and parents must be educated about leading their children to Christ. Pray with us for Spain.

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By Walter A. Brandenburg

We are living in a day when society has been taught to look at life from an ungodly, unscriptural point of view. This has been taught by school teachers, television, radio, music, peers, employers, employees and parents. Even some in the Church, at times, have been guilty of shaping our thinking in ways contrary to God's Word.

Hearing these various "teachers," we form thought patterns, such as: It seems to be all right to look at and think of women only as sex objects. And, isn't it true that obtaining material possessions should be the ultimate goal of one's life? Oh yes, and

we know that going to church and believing in God is only for the weak or the "weird."

Impressionable Childhood

The enemy of our soul also attempts to use various events in our lives to cause us to see life from a wrong perspective.

In the Bible we read the story of Jacob (Genesis 25-49). Jacob was the immediate second



holiness

two twins born to Rebekah. Because he was born holding onto Esau's heel, he was given the name "Jacob," meaning "supplanter" or "clutcher." As we look at Jacob's life, we see that he consistently lived up to his name. He was constantly grabbing whatever others had. This is illustrated when he bought Esau's birthright for a pot of soup (Gen. 25), by taking advantage of Esau's poor judgment.

Many times, people in our society find themselves in like situations. Perhaps they have been given a derogatory nickname, or they were constantly told they were "no good" or the "bad apple in the bunch." Or someone may have said something which, to a young and impressionable child, was deeply hurt. Maybe the remark was not even made in a demeaning way; but, although children are good listeners, they are not good interpreters. Inadvertently, their life was greatly shaped by that nickname, or those unkind remarks. More extreme, but very real, would be a child who has been sexually molested and, as a result, grows up with incorrect thought patterns of what sex and love is.

at the Urging of His Mother...

Jacob was also greatly influenced by his mother (Gen. 27). Rebekah taught him it was all right to desire what belonged to his mother **and** that it was okay to use any method necessary to obtain it. When Isaac, Jacob's father, was old and near death, he summoned Esau to go out into the field, to kill a deer and bring him some of the prepared meat, so that he could give Esau his blessing. But, at the urging of his mother, Jacob used trickery, deceived his father, and stole the blessing from Esau.

All of us have been influenced by our parents and/or other prominent people in our lives. Whether for good or bad, that influence is there.

But...God

But then we notice a turning point in Jacob's life. As Jacob was fleeing before the wrath of Esau, he encountered God (Gen. 28). Jacob made a vow unto God, and from that time on we begin to see Jacob's life changing. Later, even though he is tricked by Laban (when after seven years of working for the hand of Rachel, Laban gives Leah unto Jacob instead of Rachel), Jacob does not retaliate with trickery, but works another seven years for the hand of Rachel. Indeed, it would not seem that Jacob's life became easier when he was doing that which was right, but nevertheless, God was working in Jacob's

life. Jacob was changing, and God knew what the end result would be.

When we receive Christ into our hearts, we truly become new creatures in Christ Jesus (cf. II Cor. 5:17). But Paul says in Romans 12:2 that we must still have our mind renewed. We must unlearn the thought patterns and actions that have become such an ingrained part of us, and begin to learn to think God's way. This is difficult for us, for one of the things we have been taught by our modern-day culture is to "take it easy," not overdo it, and let others think and act for us.

But thought patterns are only changed when, first, we recognize why that way of thinking is wrong, and second, when we decide that we will no longer think that way.

Recognize Error

We begin to recognize wrong ways of thinking as we come to know God through His Word. Through each encounter with God, Jacob's thinking was changed. He decided he wanted to do what was right and pleasing unto God. Delving into God's Word will show us how God looks at us, our relationships with others, and which things are of real value. We will recognize the errors in what we have been taught by those influences mentioned above.

Take Deliberate Action

To establish new thought patterns then takes deliberate action. I must think on situations from God's perspective. I will think of possessions as those things God has blessed me with, remembering how they are to be used for His glory as a means to show forth His love to others. I will think of each person that I meet as someone whom God loves and created, rather than someone I can "use." I will ask myself: "Do they know Jesus?" "What are the needs of their life?" "How would Jesus look at them?"

God's Word and the Holy Spirit will reveal those things from my past which have held me in bondage. As God reveals each item, I must ask for God's forgiveness and help and put that burden under the blood of Jesus. I must then take action; that is to say, "I will not be controlled by those habits or thoughts. I will think on the situation from God's perspective."

It takes deliberate, repeated action to produce change. If we learn to play a scale on the piano with incorrect fingering, the only way we can begin to play it properly is to deliberately practice it correctly over and over. Likewise, if we find ourselves repeatedly in certain situations

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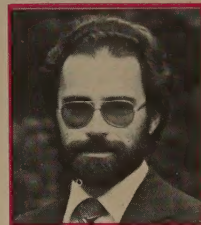
that cause wrong thought patterns and habits, we should absent ourselves from those situations if possible. For example, if what you are reading or watching on TV (in other words, what you are feeding your mind) is causing wrong thought patterns, change what you are doing. Play a Christian music record, chat with a member of the family, or read from the Word.

God reveals His truth to us. With His help, we must then continuously, deliberately, act on that revelation, and we will experience **unlearning** of past thoughts and habits and the joy of **learning** to walk in His ways.

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (II Corinthians 10:3-5, NIV).

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Inside Our Foursquare Family



Tribute Given to Dr. and Mrs. Jack Hayford by the Foursquare International Board For Exceptional Ministry

Over 20,000 people have made decisions for Christ, nearly 10,000 have been baptized in water, over 3,000 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and over 1.5 million have attended Sunday morning services at the Van Nuys, California, Foursquare Church during the past 15 years.

From these figures alone, it must be concluded that the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Jack W. Hayford at "Church On The Way" has been highly significant in today's Christian church. In a special tribute, therefore, the congregation of the Van Nuys Foursquare Church gathered the evening of April 8 to honor the Hayfords for over 15 years of ministry at Van Nuys, 30 years of service within the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, and to celebrate Jack and Anna's 30th year of marriage and their birthdays.

Local and international leaders from the Body of Christ and representation from the Foursquare International Board brought greetings either personally or by means of video tape. A surprise highlight was the announcement by Dr. Oral Roberts via video of the conferring of a Doctor of Divinity Degree upon Dr. Hayford by Oral Roberts University. Also, a letter of congratulations was received from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.



Assistant to the General Supervisor John W. Bowers Receives Golden Apple Award

John W. Bowers, International Foursquare Board Member and Assistant to the General Supervisor, was honored by the Northwest San Gabriel Valley, California, Administrators Association with the coveted Golden Apple Award. This award is presented annually to one person from each school district for continued outstanding service to the schools and community. Rev. Bowers was the nominee of the Rosemead School District Administrators, the district where he currently serves as President of the Board of Trustees, having also served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the past five years. Rev. Bowers also serves as the Business Manager of the Foursquare World ADVANCE.

**Just prior to press time, Rev. Bowers suffered an acute heart attack and (at press time) is in the hospital CCU unit. Your prayers are appreciated.*

RUN FOR HIS GLORY Soon Over? Guess Again...

Foursquare youth have been training approximately one year to share Christ during the few days of July 25 - August 2 at the big Los Angeles Summer Olympic games. But in

no way will this outreach abruptly stop on August 2. Consider these implications:

1. There are about 3 million "born again" Christians within a 1½ hour drive of downtown Los Angeles. The only similar concentration of believers would be in Seoul, Korea, the location of the 1988 Olympics...*God has something in mind!*
2. Experience has shown that about 25% of those who participate in outreaches like this are called to some form of full-time ministry...*God is sending laborers into the harvest!*
3. Like on the Day of Pentecost, people from every nation will be here. An outpouring of the Holy Spirit on those who believe could result in the greatest missionary thrust that has ever been known...*new converts going back into their worlds with the gospel of Jesus Christ!*

RUN FOR HIS GLORY! ending on August 2? Guess again...

—Rev. Tim Peterson, Director, Department of Youth / Christian Education / Publications

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The United Foursquare Women's Organization Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The United Foursquare Women's (UFW) organization is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year, having been founded on July 1, 1954, by Mrs. Lois Van Cleave and Mrs. Edythe Dorrance, both wives of former district supervisors. Today, thousands of Foursquare women faithfully serve their local church, home missions and foreign missions with an "I Am Helps" approach to ministry. Districts all over the U.S. and into Canada will be celebrating with the 1984 theme, "What on Earth Are You Doing For Heaven's Sake?", a positive challenge to every facet of UFW.

Letters to the Editor: For 35 Years He Played It From Memory

"As a teenager, I began playing the song 'Preach the Word' on my sax having picked it up from another instrumentalist who played it at our church. In your March issue, you refer to the words on page three. I don't know that I've ever seen the song in print, and I was wondering if it would be possible for someone

there to run me a copy for personal use. In fact, it would be interesting to see how near correct I've been playing the song. It has been a favorite for 35 years, and I used it as recently as last Sunday when I was preaching in Ohio...."

—Darrel L. Anderson, National Field Representative, National Association of Evangelicals

The Bottom Line

"When my wife told me she was sending Easter greetings to ADVANCE and Angelus Temple, I asked her if she would mind my 'putting my two cents' in also. You see, because of my wife and her dedication to the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, I too have become interested in sharing her interest and faith. The bottom line is that I feel I have finally found what I've been looking for all my life—namely, a truly Christian, demonstrable religion...."

—Carl F. Guiney

Two Foursquare Men to Join Military Chaplaincy

Rev. Donald Eubank (right) who served as



the pastor of the Panorama City, California, Foursquare Church 1977-82 is given the opportunity as a Chaplain Candidate, Second Lieutenant U.S. Air Force by Captain George Bowen, Detachment Commander of the 14th CMBTCS, Van Nuys Air Guard. Member of the Neighborhood Foursquare Church of Granada Hills, California, Chaplain Eubank will seek appointment as an active duty Chaplain upon receipt of his Master of Divinity Degree in May, 1986, from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

Rev. Thomas L. Head, graduate of LIFE Bible College in 1976, was recently notified of his appointment as a U.S. Army Chaplain to active duty effective this month. Rev. Head and his wife, Devona, pioneered the Hi-Desert Servicemen's Center at Twenty Nine Palms, California, a Christian outreach to the Marine Corps Base located there. Preparation for the chaplaincy led Rev. Head to seminary in Ashland, Ohio, and to a year's work at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, resulting in a Master of Divinity Degree in Counseling. After chaplaincy school, he will be assigned to the 9th Infantry and stationed at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. His specialization in clinical pastoral education will aid him greatly in one-on-one ministry to army personnel.





current events & comments

Apostle Paul Probably at Greek Games

Last month the 1984 Summer Olympic Games commence in Los Angeles. From 756 B.C. until 394 A.D., when the Roman Emperor Theodosius I banned them as an unacceptable form of paganism, the only Olympics were the summer games and they always were held at Olympia. Of course, by the late times, Greece boasted four major athletic festivals which became equally co-equal in importance: the Olympic (about 10 miles west of Corinth), Isthmian (about 20 miles east of Corinth), and Pythian Games at Delphi, though Olympia remained the first among equals. This year, numerous Christian groups, including Foursquare youth, plan to converge on the Games and witness in a microcosm world missions field with contestants and spectators from

Erastus' inscription: "For his aedileship laid this pavement at his own expense." Paul mentioned Erastus in Romans 16:23.

all over earth will temporarily create there.

We can be absolutely certain that Paul ministered similarly at the nearby Isthmian Games during his long sojourn in Corinth. It is unthinkable that the apostle would cool his heels in Corinth when ten miles away he could reach travelers from all over the Roman world. The tents he, Aquila and Priscilla crafted would be welcome purchases by many who flocked to Isthmia where permanent shelters were not available for contestants and spectators until a century later. Visitors could sleep on the ground in mid-summer at Olympia, but would need tents at Isthmia in April.

Paul combined business with ministry, no doubt, and even if he did not attend the athletic events, he certainly witnessed to hundreds on the site. The excavator of Isthmia, Oscar Broneer, whom I met there, suggested Paul chose Corinth as a long-term base precisely because of its proximity to Isthmia and the Games which outdrew by far the festivals at Olympia, Delphi, and Nemea.



Raymond Cox photo

Paul's co-workers at Isthmia doubtless included Erastus, the aedile of Corinth (cf. Rom. 16:23), whose famous inscription I studied on the floor of the theatre there (see photo). An aedile's duties, by the way, included management of public games. Erastus likely briefed Paul about procedures at Isthmia.

Paul's athletic illustrations in the Corinthian and other epistles may well have resulted from exposure to the Isthmian Games. How many converts went home from Isthmia, and how many they led to Christ in their hometowns all over the Empire, only eternity will reveal.

Let us pray earnestly that similar successes will proceed from the evangelistic efforts at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles!



Dr. Cox is the pastor of the Salem, Oregon, Foursquare Church.

Light

By Jon Clapper

Deny Rodney's death is to deny the One whom he loved so much.

Jon's Note: In the November, 1980, issue of the Foursquare World ADVANCE, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Clapper (now pastors of the Crescent City, California, Foursquare Church) and their two surviving sons shared about their 22-year-old son's death. Now, four years later, youngest son Jon at age 23 shares what deep insight death brought.

Just Unto Death?

Remember one day, four years ago, the word came that Rodney was gone. Not a real day, just as any other day. But this day would only be fantasy, a dream for many years to come. I moved through the eventful weeks following Rod's death in a daze. The help; the many friends and family—all trying to help, but uncertain how. The mess that needed to be run by my father, Brent, and I became only an effort to keep the mind busy.

Even the many times of sharing my understanding of death became only a facade to hide behind. Yes, I had the truth...the truth that God is that He cares and that He is able to



Standing left to right: Jon, Rodney, Brent. Seated: Luella and Jerry Clapper.

bring comfort. But these truths were only the hopes of my heart, my prayers as I wept alone in the night so many times.

And yet now I realize that it was during those times—of crying out in anger to God, feeling cheated by His seemingly unjust act—that the process of healing was beginning to take place.

Today, as the years unfold the pages of my life, the present turns to past and dreams become realities, that one day stands still. The Father in His loving kindness changes fantasy to reality, and pain and defeat are changed to glory and victory.

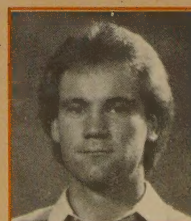
For, you see, the love my eldest brother

had for the Father surely carried him home. It was a love that enabled him to trust in the midst of pain and sickness. And it was a love that did not falter even in the face of death.

Now, the challenge I see in my brother's life is one that leads to victory—a challenge to trust the Father, even if His plan leads me to a physical death. How many times we as "believers" are disobedient to the Father, only because we do not trust God enough to believe His plan is best? Seeing that trust in God's purposes a reality in my brother's life, my faith has been challenged to believe more. And my prayer will be that I may be able to trust with a trust even unto death.

Yes, I miss Rodney. I will always miss him, and I will always want to. I find no defeat in missing a brother whom I loved, because I find victory in the life He left behind and in the life he has gone to.

I have outlived my older brother. But he has passed the test.



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